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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Canada goose season reopens on Kodiak archipelago after 20 years**

For the first time in 20 years, waterfowl hunters will again be allowed to harvest Canada geese on most parts of the Kodiak archipelago (Game Management Unit 8). The season was closed in 1987, soon after the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, with considerable assistance from local residents, translocated about 200 Vancouver Canada geese from southeast Alaska. Kodiak had no resident Canada geese at that time, and the birds were brought over in an attempt to establish a population that could eventually be hunted. Unlike most Canada geese, Vancouvers do not migrate south each year, and they usually nest in areas of dense timber.

The goose population has been slowly increasing around the archipelago since that time. ADF&G and the local federal and state fish and game advisory committees agree that it is now at a level that can support a limited hunt. The hunting season will be from October 8 – January 22, with a daily bag limit of 1 Canada goose (2 in possession). Because of the large number of hunters in the vicinity of Kodiak city, Canada goose hunting will not be allowed east of a line from Crag Point to the mouth of Saltery Creek for the first few years. ADF&G is asking all successful Canada goose hunters on the Kodiak archipelago to turn in the tail from their birds for genetic analysis.